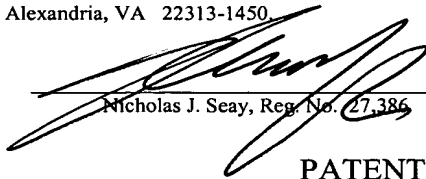


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2005 in the file of the above-identified application, the applicants respond herewith as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.